IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION NO : 12102 of 2004

Between:

K. Ramakrishna Reddi, S/o. late Govinda Reddy,
R/o. 361, DD Colony, Hyderabad - 500 013.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1. State of AP rep by its Principal Secretary Irrigation & CAD Department

Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500 004.

2 The Chief Engineer, Inter-State Water Resources
Government of Andhra Pradesh Errumanzil, Hyderabad -

500 082.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate writ or order or direction one in the nature of writ of mandamus i) declaring the action of the respondents in not considering the petitioner's representations dt. 26-2-2004 and 5-6-2004 and in not paying the fee as per G.O. Ms.No.198 1 & CAD Dept dt. 20-9-2001, as arbitrary, illegal and unreasonable; ii) costs be awarded to the petitioner, and pass such other order or orders appropriate in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner:Mr.B.Mahender Reddy

Counsel for the Respondents: The Government Pleader for Irrigation

The Court at the admission stage made the following ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioner aggrieved by the inaction of the first respondent in disposing of the representations of the petitioner dated 26-02-2004 and 05-06-2004 and in not paying fee as per G.O.Ms.No.198, dated 20-09-2001.

According to the petitioner he is one of the senior counsels and included in the team of Advocates constituted by the State Government in order to represent the State before the Supreme Court in the matter of Inter State River Water Disputes. It is stated that in pursuance of its decision, the Government passed in G.O.Ms.No.128, dated 27-07-2001, constituting the team of Advocates, the petitioner as one of the members of the team represented the State and performed his functions that are expected to be performed by him, but however, subsequent to the discharge of the duties as a Senior Advocate of the team constituted by the Government, when the petitioner submitted his bills for affecting payment of fee in terms of the G.O.Ms.No.198, dated 20-09-2001, no action has been taken by the first respondent, therefore, the petitioner made representations as stated earlier and as the representations were not disposed of so far, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Irrigation.

In view of non-consideration and disposal of the representations made by the petitioner, it would be appropriate to direct the first respondent to dispose of the representations of the petitioner expeditiously.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of, at the admission stage, directing the first respondent to dispose of the representations of the petitioner, expeditiously,

preferably, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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15-07-2004

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To

1. The Principal Secretary, State of AP., Irrigation & CAD Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500 004.
2. The Chief Engineer, Inter-State Water Resources Government of Andhra Pradesh Errumanzil, Hyderabad - 500 082.
3. Two C.Cs. to the Government Pleader for Irrigation, High Court Buildings, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. (OUT).
4. Two C.D. Copies.